

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:-**

1. A printing fluid dispenser including:
  - a housing comprising first and second portions movable relative to each other;
  - a reservoir of printing fluid responsive to relative motion of the first and second portions and
  - 5 having an outlet arranged to convey the printing fluid to a point external to the housing; wherein
  - the first and second portions include mated features arranged to prevent motion of said portions relative to each other until a predetermined level of operative force is applied across said portions.
- 10 2. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the reservoir comprises a deformable container located within the housing and wherein bringing the first and second portions towards each other causes compression of said container.
- 15 3. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 1, wherein the first and second portions comprise a base and plunger.
4. A printing fluid dispenser according to claim 3, wherein the mated features comprise one or more complementary protrusions formed into opposing walls of the base and plunger.
- 20 5. A printing fluid dispenser including:
  - a deformable container containing a full complement of printing fluid;
  - a housing including a base slidably engaging a plunger and locating the deformable container; and
  - an outlet coupled to the deformable container and arranged to convey the printing fluid to a
  - 25 point external to the housing; wherein
  - the first and second portions include mated features arranged to prevent motion of said portions relative to each other until a predetermined level of operative force is applied across said portions.